

(2) The pay of an investigating officer, who may be called a Sub-Inspector, should not be less than Rs. 50, and the Police Inspectors should not be paid less than Rs. 100.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 54.

Police reports.

Mr. K. S. Santanam Iyengar,
Closepet municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Some workable and reasonable time should be prescribed for the submission of A, B or C reports by the police, when cases are referred to them for investigation by Magistrates.

In British India only one month's time is allowed in such cases.

Mr. Santanam Iyengar represented that investigation of cases was being delayed for years together in many cases and that it was necessary to prescribe a time within which the Police should submit A and B reports, as has been done in some parts of British India.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Inspector-General of Police.

SUBJECT No. 55.

Prevention of cattle lifting.

(a) Mr. Nadig Bhima Rao, Channagiri taluk.
(b) Messrs. T. Gundappa and Venkataranga Setty, Magadi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(a) Cattle lifting is on the increase every day. The hides of the stolen cattle are taken to the nearest *mandi* and transported by railway, before their owner gets any reliable information as to the whereabouts of the cattle. As, for this reason, the wet skins of the deceased animals cannot be produced, it is not possible to successfully lodge any criminal complaints in such cases. It is therefore proposed that a regulation to place the trade in hides under proper control may be framed providing the following safeguards :—

(1) Every person who owns a shop (*mandi*) for trading in hides should obtain a license for the purpose.

(2) A register bearing the taluk seal and signed by the Taluk Amildar should be maintained by him to show the daily transactions.

(3) The shop-keeper should not receive any wet skin of a deceased animal unless it is accompanied by a permit signed by the patel and other principal residents of a village giving details as to the owner of the animal, the skin of which is brought to the shop.

(4) The wet skins already in the possession of the shop-keeper should once for all be entered at the commencement in this register.

(5) Every village patel should similarly maintain a register furnishing the details of the skins allowed by him to be exported from the village.

(6) The shop-keeper should before transporting the hides to other places obtain a permit from the shekdar or other officer appointed for the purpose.

(7) The accounts maintained by the shop-keepers should be subjected to the inspection and scrutiny of Revenue and Police officers.

(8) Hides that are not accompanied by permits should not be allowed to be carried by railway.

(9) Infringement of the foregoing provisions should subject the delinquent to punishment.

(10) Hides discovered in transit in contravention of the foregoing provision should be forfeited to Government and sold and suitable rewards given to informants out of the sale proceeds.

(b) All dealers taking out cattle for sale in public fares should be required to obtain a certificate from either the patel or shanbhog of the village for doing so.

Reply of Government.—The subject is under consideration. A bill is being drafted.

SUBJECT NO. 56.

The report of crimes by police patels.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The report of crimes submitted by the patels should be directed to be prepared in triplicate on printed forms, serially numbered (to be supplied to them) the original to remain with the patel, the duplicate to be sent to the police officer and the third to the Amildar of the taluk who is the head of the police.

The system if brought into force will reduce the chances of interference with the patel's report which is a very important evidence in criminal cases.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

ST No. 57.

Rules for the conduct of processions.

Mr. K. S. Santanam Iyengar, Closepet municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that some uniform rules for the conduct of public processions consistent with the principles underlying the use of highways by the public, may be laid down for the guidance of the subordinate executive officers. This will avoid all room for conflicting decisions and orders by the authorities under the plea of *manul*.

Mr. Santanam Iyengar stated that orders passed by Magistrates under Section 45 of the Police Regulation were held by the Chief Court to be executive and not judicial orders. The orders passed by Government from time to time, on the subject of processions are most conflicting and it is therefore necessary that there should be some definite and well recognized rules. Asked by the 1st Councillor what sort of rules he had in view, the member said that he